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GENEVA FOR AMB RICHARDSON
EO 11652 GDS
TAGS: PLOS
SUBJ: CONSULTATION ON LOS

REF: STATE 87933

1. IF RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY ISSUE LEFT ANY
BRUISED FEELINGS AMONG THE LA'S AND CONCRETELY WITH AGUILAR
(WHICH I SUSPECT IT MAY), THEN HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL TALKS
WOULD SEEM EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO KEEP THEM IN A CONSTRUCTIVE
MOOD. MY OWN RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE FOR APPROXIMATELY
PARALLEL APPROACHES HERE AND IN GENEVA. THE TARGET HERE IS
FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI, WHO HAS A LOT OF INFLUENCE WITH
THE PRESIDENT, AND WHO REFLECTS THIRD WORLD VIEWS AND MYTHS.
OBVIOUS TARGET IN GENEVA IS ANDRES AGUILAR, BUT I ASSUME THAT
AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON ALREADY HAS HIM IN HIS SIGHTS, AND THE
TASK WOULD BE SIMPLY TO PACKAGE CONSULTATIONS IN SUCH A
WAY AS TO PRESENT THEM AS A HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATION"
FOLLOWING UP ON THE WISHES OF THE TWO PRESIDENTS.

2. FOR CARACAS, OUR APPROACH SHOULD CENTER ON A VISIT
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BY A HIGH-LEVEL LOS SPOKESMAN(AND RANK WILL BE
PSYCHOLOGICALLY CRUCIAL), NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE
EXPERTISE AND IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE HE WILL HAVE WHICH WE
CANNOT PROVIDE, BUT ALSO TO GIVE THE CONSULTATION THE
CACHET OF A SPECIAL MEETING REPRESENTING OUR HIGHEST LEVELS.
SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER SAID THIS WOULD BE ARRANGED THRU
THE SECRETARY, MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE THAT THE

SPOKESMAN SHOULD ARRIVE WITH (OR BE PRECEDED B) A PERSONAL
MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO CONSALVI PINPOINTING THIS
VISIT AS A SPECIFIC FOLLOW-UP.

3. AS TO SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT AND PURPOSE, PRESIDENT
CARTER DESCRIBED SUCH CONSULTATIONS AS INTENDED TO PINPOINT
THE ISSUES, CLARIFY OUR RESPECTIVE VIEWS AND EXPLORE HOW
BEST TO RECONCILE THEM. FOR SPECIFIC CONTENT AND TACTICS
WE WOULD HAVE TO BE GUIDED BY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON IN THE
LIGHT OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN GENEVA.
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